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## Let Us Not Sidestep Too Much

By Victor L. Berger.

**A**S our readers know, there is no greater hater of the shallow, impotent phrase than the writer of these lines. There can be no more sincere believer in actual practical work and in social and political reforms of all kinds than the present writer. However, such reforms must be in line with the trend of the times, and must help the working class movement. And we are never to forget our aim, which is the emancipation of the proletariat.

And just now there is a tendency among some Socialists and trades union men to overestimate the value of such reforms as the initiative, the referendum and the right of recall. There is also a tendency among certain Socialists to make too much of woman suffrage.

Now, the initiative and the referendum are undoubtedly right, because both stand for political democracy.

The initiative means that a certain number of voters may unite to suggest and frame measures which must be submitted to all the citizens for adoption or rejection.

The referendum means that laws passed by legislative bodies must be submitted to all qualified voters for confirmation, if a certain percentage ask for such submission.

The right of recall gives the people power to ask officials to stand for a new election, when in the opinion of a certain percentage of the voters such officials are not doing their duty. This is practically the referendum applied to an officer.

All of these measures are democratic, Socialistic, and proper.

But neither the initiative nor the referendum, nor the right of recall, will work the wonders which some American Socialists and many honest bourgeois reformers expect of them.

In some western states they have had direct legislation as long as ten years, without effecting anything of great value. They have direct legislation in Switzerland for over half a century. And the experience there is that the people, at one election after another, have rejected laws that would have been of the greatest benefit to them.

Of course, the great mass moves very slowly. And we all know that the primary election law in Wisconsin—which, in itself, is also a democratic measure—has so far only helped the rich, reactionary elements, not the progressives.

That is the fate of democracy.

And our reformers, and also those Socialists who lay so much stress on the referendum, should remember that when they have secured the initiative, the referendum and the right of recall—they are not a single step nearer the realization of their desires for a change.

They still have to convince the great, indolent mass of voters of the desirability of a change. Some of these voters are ignorant and can neither read nor write, others are venal to the core, and many of them still have all sorts of divergent class interests.

The real class-conscious proletariat is still in a minority, and liable to stay so for a time to come. It can only show results by fighting as a well organized compact mass.

But, the initiative, the referendum and the right of recall have a tendency to destroy parties and to loosen tightly knit political organizations.

Therefore, while the Socialist party stands for direct legislation as a democratic measure, we are well aware that the working class will be helped very little by getting it. We are well aware that the proletariat, before all things, must get more economic and political strength—more education and more wisdom. That, besides teaching co-operation, we must build political machines.

And direct legislation is not the shortest, it is the longest way, although the surest in the end.

This is even more so the case with woman suffrage.

Of course, for woman suffrage it has been said—and said often—that a woman, being a rational human being and having the same "inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as man, has the natural right, in a democratic form of government, to help make the laws.

It has furthermore been pointed out that it is an insult to woman to heap upon her the indignity of a practical classification with minors, aliens, criminals, lunatics and idiots—and that the denial of the ballot is a violation of the principle of "no taxation without representation", especially since every day more women are getting to be economically independent.

And, finally, that women have a finer moral sense than men. Also that woman suffrage would soon wipe out the saloon evil. In Finland women cast 50 per cent of the vote, and one of the very first measures enacted by the new parliament, which was largely made up of women, was a statute of total prohibition.

However, some claim the suffrage for women as a "class". That is not a fact—women do not form a class in society.

And when the suffrage is withheld from them, it is not as a class, but as a sex. And that is an important difference.

Because, to so withhold suffrage from women at this time does not imply that they are not to take an interest in politics or be of no influence in the course of affairs. Intelligent women have always exercised great political power. And it is hoped that the best of them in the coming critical time will exercise still more.

These best of women gain very little by getting the right to vote.

And, on the other hand, the question has been raised by some thinking Socialists whether the great mass of women today have the qualities that their vote would contribute to the welfare of the working class. And, especially, whether the women's vote would help the advance of humanity in the coming time of transition.

This is a question of fact on which Socialists may honestly differ.

We must bear in mind that this is not a question whether some women are or are not superior to some men.

Nor is it a question to inquire what has made women what they are. Or whether, under different economic conditions, and whether under Socialism they may not become something else than what they are now.

The question now is about the woman of the present time. It is not the question of what a few Socialist women or what the leaders in the bourgeois woman suffrage movement are. Their humbler sisters, after all, make up the great majority of the sex—and the question is: Will their vote help the working class?

Now, it is clear, and no one will deny, that the great majority of the women of the present day—and that is the only point we can view now—are illiberal, unprogressive and reactionary to a greater extent than the men of the same stratum of society.

It is also clear, and no one will deny, that the women are very much more under the influence of the church than the men. We had a shining example of this at the last school board election in Milwaukee, when the women of a certain sect came out in herds to vote against uncommonly able representatives of their own sex, because the priests ordered them to do so—while the men obeyed that order very much less.

Nor has woman suffrage helped progress in Colorado, Idaho or any of the western states one iota.

Finland is overwhelmingly Lutheran. The protestants in Russia

Here are some figures from Cincinnati:

Of 195 children (14 and 15 years old) who secured employment certificates from the superintendent of schools during the first twenty-two days of June, a majority had not completed the sixth grade of the public schools; only thirty-one had progressed as far as the eighth grade, and twenty-one were enrolled in the second, third and fourth grades.

A writer in *The Survey* says that these figures "hold not only for the 1,200 and 1,500 children who obtain employment certificates in Cincinnati in the course of the year, but also for those who go to work in most American cities. The majority of working children have only a smattering of the elements and no opportunity to increase their stock of knowledge."

This is a fine showing, truly.

There is a free, popular education for the children of this country—free education with a string tied to it!

The schools are free, but the trouble is that the people are not.

Damnable indeed is the fact that free education is simply a mirage to thousands of the working class children, under capitalism.

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The Wisconsin State Board of Control has been forced to investigate alleged cruelty at the Green Bay state reformatory.

They found the usual cruel punishments that seem to cling to American prisons, the same as the

are very much oppressed by the czar and the orthodox church. There is no ecclesiastic influence against progress in Finland.

Now, if all this is correct—female suffrage, for generations to come, will simply mean the deliberate doubling of the strength of a certain church—will mean a great addition to the forces of ignorance and reaction.

However, we have woman suffrage in our platform, and we should stand by it. Because, in the end, it will help to interest the other half of humanity in social and political affairs. And it will be of a great educational value on both women and men.

Nevertheless, it is asking a great deal of the proletariat when we are requested to delay the efficiency of our movement for generations on that account. And we surely ought not to lay such stress on this one point as to injure the progress of the general political and economic movement—the success of which is bound to help the women as much as the men.

### Capitalist Assault on Citizenship

The California legislature has decided that it will cost eight thousand dollars in filing fees for a complete state ticket, and the supreme court held the law to be valid.

Advices from the national headquarters state that the Minnesota law, if necessary, will be carried into the supreme court of the United States. This law also requires the payment of money for candidates for office—supposed to be one of the guaranteed rights of American free citizenship. Contributions are asked for in the Minnesota case, \$60 having already been raised by donations from the various state organizations.

cheap, weedy coffee odor clings to the corridors of most politician institutions.

In fact, it develops that it was the state board itself that on at least one occasion recommended the form of torture known as "the water cure". The superintendent, C. W. Bowron, said the work of discipline was in the hands of a man "of rare and excellent judgment".

It may be rare judgment to hang prisoners "on hooks" or place them in narrow, upright cages and keep them there in the agony of the standing strain on the muscles of their bodies.

Perhaps we lack the "rare judgment" to appreciate this "lingering but humorous" punishment!

The investigation was forced through the finding of a prisoner, who had been punished, dead in his cell. A coroner's jury charged the death to misusage.

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tions and especially the asylums for the insane need the light of publicity thrown into them.

Officially hushed-up crimes are committed in many of them on the theory that an inmate from the very fact of his being in such a place is entitled to no consideration.

The Chicago *Daily Socialist*, which has forced the Gingles case to trial, and the editors of which offered in vain damaging evidence against the city administration to States Attorney Wayman, has since been camping on the trail of the prosecuting attorney and showing the farcical nature of his efforts at hunting down disreputables with a pull. Wayman is already in a corner.

It develops that he owes his election to campaigning among the gamblers and that he has since managed to extend to them that handy sort of protection that consists of feeble prosecution, flimsy penalties and the dismissal of many of the suits, when there were actual arrests.

The other day a political boss named Loeffler died, and Wayman and Judge Brentano, the judge in the Gingles white slavery trial, were honorary pallbearers. Conveniently, during their absence, a long list of gambling indictments were disposed of, without a judge, several of them against a henchman of Wayman's named Mulhem.

Some of these indictments were for operating the illegal slot machines, and now it is shown that Wayman was the attorney for the slot machine people before being made public prosecutor, another evidence of how men are made as snow merely by election, by whatever means, to an "honorable office". This kind of superstition "goes" with lots of people.

What the Chicago daily is seeking to get unraveled is the hideous white slave traffic and the official protection thereof. In the Gingles trial the matron of a large Chicago railroad depot testified that it was the practice to ask all girls who seemed in distress as to whether the white slaves had been trying to get them. "Is the white slave traffic so prevalent?" she was asked—and her answer of "yes" made a sensation.

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## Labor Must Be Gregarious, Also

**A**SIDE from its feeling of interest and duty in the matter, the *HERALD* knows too well the value of advertising (keeping a proposition everlastingly before the public) to allow even a single week to pass by without in some way reminding its readers of The People's Realty Company and its project.

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This week we desire to call the attention of trade unions to the desirability of having their business offices and meeting places in one central location.

We have not to go beyond our own city to see examples of this bringing together under one roof, or in one certain street, of businesses of the same or similar kinds. Look at "Commission House Row", "Printing House Corners" (an immense building is soon to be erected on the east side in which only printers will be taken as tenants), "New Insurance Building", "Railway Exchange", etc. Can we for a moment assume that the heads of these various businesses are not possessed of business acumen? Can we conclude that they have so bunched themselves together by accident or for any trivial reasons? By no means. They know full well that this grouping is advantageous, helpful, paying. There may at times be the keenest competition, the bitterest rivalry, between the component parts of these business groups, and yet there are many times when each one is glad to aid the other—and this is best and easiest done when in close proximity.

On every hand we see shining examples of the advantages of co-operation. The enemies of organized labor are everywhere federated for co-operation, grouped together for the better fighting in what they consider to be for their best interests. Can labor's forces remain scattered all over the city and successfully cope with combinations grouped against them? With

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## Comment on Passing Events.

By Frederic Heath

Capitalism takes part of the masses and degenerates them, then virtuously complains because they reproduce themselves. It calls them the unfit—and perhaps it has a right to name its own product!

The Independent Labor Party (Social-Democratic) of England has been successfully organizing the working people of Ireland, both north and south. Socialism has at last taken firm hold of the green isle.

Pat Crowe is also writing his autobiography.

Few people, perhaps, know that Crowe was once crushed in business as the proprietor of an independent butcher shop by the Cudahy meat octopus.

In the light of this fact, please note that it was the child of Cudahy that he kidnapped years afterward.

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## The Unemployed

AM the shifting sand beneath the walls  
We build and call the State. I am the Fear  
That haunts you in your boasting and your dreams;  
Your dead youth's lost occasions? Yes, I am  
The curse beneath the fabric of your Dream!

I am the shifting sand beneath the State.  
Your laws, your customs, creeds, I undermine.  
I laugh at your conventions, meant to bind  
Your Creeds! To me they purvey only lies.  
So as ye build, I bury that ye build:  
The walls ye rear upon me do decay.

I am the dream of Evil ye have dreamed:  
The uncouth Hun, the Vandal, and the Goth;  
The savage come again to leet, and laugh  
Into forgetfulness the domes ye build.  
Your learning, culture, visions—these shall fade,  
And I shall pour your wisdom into pools  
To sink, and fail, and so be lost to man.

I am the youngest anachor of the world:  
I neither love nor hate, I only teer.  
A gibbering ghost of manhood, o'er your dreams.

I am your Brother, driven forth to die!  
These are your cities, empires, and demesnes,—  
And these your doles—to toil—and still to toil!  
To render unto Caesar, not the tithe,  
But all, that Caesar of his will bestow  
That in his wisdom "recompense" is wrt—  
The helot I, your brother equal born!

These are your cities; I will make them dust!  
These are your empires; they shall disappear!  
These your "demesnes"—Forgetfulness shall be!  
Of all ye said, or did, or hoped, or sung!

\* Ye did inherit much, but did take all;  
So I shall ravish in its bloom your hope.  
Shall make your boast of culture all a lie,  
Shall make you know the emptiness of dreams!

Hear once again the word of him ye scorn!  
I am that Ishmael ye have doomed to die;  
I am the few occasions ye have flung  
Aside as void of value and of life.  
I am the Fear that haunts you in your halls,  
And senates, and the temples of your God.  
And as your systems crumble and decay  
Heed well that I did tell you and now tell;

—Hugh J. Hughes.

## Strong Language on the Treatment of Disease

Some original and striking statements with regard to the attitude of the public in general, and the medical profession in particular, towards humanity's common enemy, disease, are made by Bernard Macfadden in *Physical Culture*. The following quotations will serve to illustrate the standpoint from which this writer views the ordinary method of dealing with physical ailments, and many of his beliefs are gaining acceptance in the minds of those who think for themselves the world over:

"Practically every advanced student of medicine is prepared to admit that disease germs are innocuous or harmless to those who possess what might be termed a high degree of vital resistance. Such persons are classed as immune, and it has always been an unsolvable riddle to me why the germ-seeking scientists do not turn their attention to the study of the how and why of this immunity. They are seeking a method of in-

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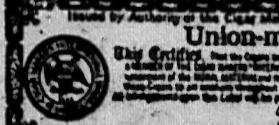


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## Human Decline

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## Time to Consider

The army of the unemployed is essential to capitalism. But it is also dangerous. Not dangerous merely in the sense of possible raids on the bakeshops, etc.—the police can attend to that. If the police are not big enough for the job—there's the militia and the regular army. It is easy to club or kill a starving man. A policeman or a militiaman is (usually) strong enough and always brave enough for that.

But in an army of the unemployed there are sure to be some who THINK. And the capitalist fears men who think. Men who think may learn his game of exploitation. There is nothing in the world so sure to destroy capitalism as an understanding of it. A jobless man, just this side of the breadline, is quite likely to reach a comprehension of capitalism. So the boss and his retainers divert attention from themselves by accusing the unemployed of all their own crimes and vices.

The problem of the unemployed never will be solved by the unemployed. You can't insure your life AFTER you are dead. So, Mr. Man With a Job, you had best get busy with the unemployed question NOW.—Ben Hanford.

## The Biggest Man of '76

In the cause of liberty and humanity, he toiled bravely. The great profits that came to him from his writings he devoted to the cause of humanity with a profusion that left him at times in severe financial straits. Believing that he was engaged in the sacred war of humanity, Paine refused to make money out of his pamphlets or take what he considered to be the wages of a hireling. He actually donated the copyright of his pamphlet, "Common Sense," to America for the cause of Independence, likewise of his pamphlet, "The Crisis." In the words of Conway, "peace found Paine a penniless patriot, eating his crust contentedly when he might easily have had fifty thousand pounds in his pockets."—Hector McPherson.

## Ruskin's Views

"Neither the roads nor the railroads of any nation should belong to any private persons. All means of public transit should be provided at public expense, by public determination, where such means are needed, and the public should be its shareholder. Neither road, nor railroad, nor canal should ever pay dividends to anybody. They should pay their working expenses, and no more. All dividends are simply a tax on the traveler, and the goods, levied by the persons to whom the road or canal belongs, for the right of passing over his property, and this right should at once be purchased by the nation and the original cost of the roadway—be it of gravel, iron, or adamant—at once defrayed by the nation, and then the whole work of the carriage of persons or goods done for ascertained prices, by salaried officers, as the carriage of letters is done now."—John Ruskin, 1868.

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More and more man is coming to look upon government as a purely human agency—which he may freely modify and adapt to his purposes.

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Where every advantage that wealth and influence afford is enjoyed by the few and denied to the many, an essential condition of progress is lacking. Many of the ablest, best, and socially fittest are hopelessly handicapped by lack of opportunity, while their inferiors, equipped with every artificial advantage, easily defeat them in the competitive struggle.

## The Lamp of the Soul

It is not because of his toils that I lament for the poor: we must all toil, or steal (howsoever we name our stealing), which is worse; no faithful workman finds his task a pastime. The poor is hungry and athirst; but for him also there is food and drink; he is heavy-laden and weary; but for him also the heavens send sleep, and of the deepest; in his smoky cribs, a clear, dewy heaven of rest envelops him, and fitful glimmerings of cloud-skirted dreams.

But what I do mourn over is, that the lamp of his soul should go out; that no ray of heavenly, or even of earthly knowledge, should visit him; but, only in the haggard darkness, like two spectres, Fear and Indignation.

Alas, while the body stands so broad and brawny, must the soul lie blinded, dwarfed, stupefied, almost annihilated! Alas, was this too a breath of God; bestowed in heaven, but on earth never to be unfolded!

That there should one man die ignorant who had capacity for knowledge, this I call a tragedy, were it to happen more than twenty times in a minute, as by some computations it does.—Carlyle.

## Paper Towels for Schools

The problem of providing sanitary towels for school rooms, has been solved by the Montpelier, Vermont school board. The board furnishes individual paper towels. The cost is one and one-half cent a year for each pupil. This is less than the laundry bills for the roller towel.—Educational Press Bulletin.

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## The Common Good

An "Americanized" Adaptation of Robert Blatchford's Famous "Merry England"

(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER VIII.  
INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION.

OW, my friend, pull yourself together, and remember that you are a practical, hard-headed man. I want to ask you some questions.

Of a country where the idle men were rich, and the industrious men poor, where men were rewarded not for usefulness or goodness, but for successful selfishness, would you not say that its methods were unjust and that its government was bad?

But of a country where the workers got more than the idlers, and where useful and good men were honored and rewarded, would you not say that it was a just and well governed people?

You would. You would call that a false society where the good and useful suffered, while the bad and useless prospered. And you would call that a true society where every man enjoyed the fruits of his own labor, and where the best men were at the head of affairs. Well, John, we have seen that in this country the greatest share of the wealth goes to those who do relatively nothing to produce it; that industrious men are generally poor and rich men chiefly idle, the best and most useful men are not the best paid nor the best rewarded, and that very often the greatest enemies of society reap the most benefit from society's labor.

Now, what is the cause of this? How does it come to pass that Industry and Self-Sacrifice are often poor, and that Idleness and Selfishness are often rich? How comes it that laziness and greed reap honor and wealth, whilst poverty and contumely are the lot of diligence and zeal?

There are two causes of this injustice, John. The first is "prerogative" and the second is "competition".

The instrument by means of which our aristocrats wrest their riches out of the hands of the workers is "prerogative", or privilege.

Outside of the robber realm of privilege we come to the still greater realm of deadly thing—there is competition. Competition is the instrument by which, in the commercial world, one man possesses himself of the fruits of other men's labor.

In the world of commerce there are two chief classes—the employers and the employed. Both these classes are engaged in competition. One employer competes against another, and one worker competes against another. The result being that the workers always suffer.

Let us, then, examine these two kinds of competition; and let us examine them as they affect—

1. The middleman, or employer.

2. The producer, or worker.

3. The consumer, or user.

The rule of trade throughout the entire commercial world is that every seller shall obtain as much as he can for the thing he has to sell, and that every buyer shall give as little as the seller will take for the thing he has to buy.

Suppose I were cultivating a plot of land with a wooden spade and that with an iron spade I could do as much work in one hour as with a wooden spade I could do in two hours. The value of an iron spade to me would be the amount of labor saved until the spade was worn out.

Now, if there were only one iron spade to be bought, it would be worth my while to give for it almost the full amount of the advantage I should gain by its use.

That is to say, if with the iron spade I could raise 20 bushels of wheat in the year, and if with the wooden spade I could only raise 10 bushels of wheat in a year, and if the iron spade would last two years, then I could give 18 bushels of wheat for an iron spade and still gain a bushel a year. So the iron spade would be worth 18 bushels of wheat to me.

But now, suppose that instead of one iron spade there were a million of iron spades to sell. Would an iron spade be worth less to me? No. It would still do double the work of the wooden spade, and I could use only one iron spade at once. To the buyer the abundance or scarcity of an article makes no difference in its value. A thing bought is worth what it will bring.

On the other hand, what is the value of the spade to the man who makes it? Its value is regulated by the time spent upon making it. If in the time it takes the man to make a spade he could have raised 20 bushels of wheat, then the spade must be sold for 20 bushels of wheat.

## Strife is Love

HE competitive system idolizes wealth, makes wealth the end of every human being, forces men to trample on every law of justice in the acquisition of fortune. But Christ condemned all this (Mark 10:17-23, and Luke 6:24). Therefore, Christ was a Socialist.

Christ, the prince of justice, taught that the laborer is worthy of his hire and, of course, should get all the wealth that he creates

## Playgrounds and Politicians

Why Aldermanic Junkets May Serve

Petty Aldermen Who Begrudge School Play Grounds Need to be Referred to in Plain English

By William Henry Ferber  
(Written for the HERALD.)

UT here in California the real estate boosters are out in special trains with brass bands, boasting Santa Clara, Capitola, Granada, Moss Beach, and other places of interest, and advertising them as playgrounds for the children.

They call the attention of parents to the necessity of playgrounds anywhere along the Pacific coast from Eureka to one thousand miles farther south at sunny San Diego.

One of the local poets calls attention to the beauties of the natural scenery of one of the old mission cities as a natural playground—a children's paradise.

Well, I am pleased with the efforts of the local real estate men to interest parents in happy homes for childhood even though only a few may enjoy the scenery.

Perhaps after a while men and women all over this country of ours will open their eyes to the beauty of the scenery right in their own cities and provide playgrounds for children; even though the ideals must come from the golden west.

This article is prompted, not by spite toward the Jesuit Democrats and hide bound Republican tools of capitalism, who make up the Mil-

waukee city council, but rather by pity for these ignoramuses, because, as city dads, they do not and will not, yes, dare not, provide public playgrounds for the children of the city. Shame on such dubs, tools, selected by the owners of the red light district in several cases, by Marquette college in two other instances, and by the big financial interests in the case of a number of others, while a few others are professional politicians who serve the political grafters of the Rose-Corcoran machine.

I hope that you Social-Democrats will never oppose the grafter aldermen when they get ready to go on a junketing trip at public expense.

Many of the politicians may never have seen public playgrounds for

children, and they may discover some less than one hundred miles from Milwaukee in some small country town, and it may awaken their consciences. Then again, it may be that many of these old-school politicians may not know that Milwaukee is behind the times in school equipments, public parks, and places of amusement for children. I can hardly blame these gentlemen, for some never attended public schools and therefore never acquired any ethical culture or knowledge, while a few of these Jesuits believe that ignorance is bliss.

I am surprised at the attitude of the Hon. David S. Rose, whom the voters have elected and re-elected and re-elected mayor of Milwaukee, the city which he loves so well—the city in which HE built ten schools in 1902, and a natatorium. I am surprised that Dave is not building ten school houses this year, and issuing \$360,000 of school bonds for the continuance of the NOBLE WORK which he claims he started in the early days of his administration a decade ago; and of which he so blatantly boasted in his gubernatorial campaign in 1902. Is it possible that this great patriot—this lover of beautiful Milwaukee, has gone over to the Philistines, and no longer is in favor of public schools, and public playgrounds, parks and ponds?

Well, if David has been corrupted by the politicians, or is now dominated by the Jesuits, or by the Philistines, then Milwaukeeans must learn that its mayor is not the only official who has changed his high and lofty and altruistic ideals, and fallen from grace; so that his name becomes a reproach.

But Milwaukee will survive; and when it achieves a victory, the decent element will doubtless safeguard its political rights. Milwaukee will, no doubt, build school houses, even though its mayor has quit building school houses for the city he loved so well. Milwaukee will have playgrounds and parks and swimming and skating ponds, and toboggans, and public lectures, and musicals for its children, when honest men and women demand these things, and when the Social-Democrats shall have been elected in sufficient numbers to dominate the common council and the board of education; then children shall have free school books, published by the state, free libraries in convenient locations, with good, wholesome literature, public free baths, free playgrounds and other amusements, which make childhood a joy and school-days a pleasure.

It is also a source of pain to me, that will surely be inspiring to the voter and instrumental in giving him the opportunity to put an end to the civic and economic institutions that make for a higher civilization, end to oppose all reforms based on error or tending to undermine our liberties. We are here offering a little volume—

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## Inequality—A Story for Children

By Emanuel Julius

(Written for the HERALD.)  


HE children were all attentive for the story mother was about to tell.

"What do you children want me to talk about?" asked mother of Susan, Ann and John.

"Oh, tell us about the great, rich people!" shouted Johnny at the top of his voice.

"No, mother, tell us a story about the poor, poor people, who live on the east side," requested Susan, in her soft, musical voice. Ann was silent.

"Now, children, I wish to satisfy you, so I'll tell you about the rich and the poor together in one short story which we will call 'Inequality,'" said mother.

The children were glad that mother would treat both their requests at once and with quiet attention they listened as mother told them the following:

"As I just told you this story's name is 'Inequality.' Before we go any further I want to explain what I mean by the word Inequality."

"Now then, there are many meanings that we could give to inequality, for example, I could point to Johnny, who is taller than Susan and say that there is an inequality in height, but that is not the sense in which we will make use of the word."

"We must have food to eat," said an old school teacher, to know that there are thousands of children who go to school hungry, while groceries and warehouses are bursting with breadstuffs.

It makes me blush for my community to think that some children never receive the advantage of an education; but must at an early age enter the treadmill—I mean the factory, the shop, the mill, and become commercialized by our industrial system, by which they are prematurely made little old men and women, devoid of hope, of comforts, of home.

These unfortunates of our industrial system are assured of two things only, viz: poverty, and wage slavery. "They eat the bread of penury, And drink the cup of misery." James A. Patton now has a corner on the bread supply, while the whisky trust has a cinch on the cup of misery."

"Do you hear the children weeping? Oh! my brothers?"

Ere their sorrow comes with years. They are holding their young heads against their mothers,

And that cannot stop their tears."

of want followed by sin that a loveless, hopeless, joyless life lived an existence of pain and torture.

"After a long and happy life, honored and loved, mother and wife—a woman died. It was her satisfaction to know that her children in turn were parents of happy children—children who loved her and who would remember her. And blessing her loved—and in turn blessed by them—she died.

"On this same summer's eve another woman died. Long had she fought the fight of hunger, but at last she was conquered and with none to love, none to care, none to weep, none to remember, leaving not an impression on one single person, unmourned, unnoticed, she died.

"So you see children, I have traced from beginning to end the lives of two persons. Don't you see that it is wrong for one to have everything—all the chances in life while the others must suffer in pain?

"This is the inequality that must be done away with. We must give all an equal chance to get along in the world and not give one all the chances and leave the others in misery."

The children were all saddened at the life of poor Maggie—how she had lived in want all her life. Little Susan had all she could do to keep from crying. At last, after a long silence, Johnny asked, "Mother, how can you do away with inequality and give everybody a chance?"

Mother was glad that this question was asked, as she could see that the children understood what she was trying to teach them. So she answered:

"The only way to do away with inequality is to bring about Socialism."

"Oh, mother, do tell us what Socialism is?" Ann asked excitedly. "Yes, yes! Do please tell us. What is Socialism?" John and Susan asked together.

"Not now, my children, it is getting late and you must go to bed. In my next story I shall tell you all what Socialism is," answered mother.

The children were perfectly satisfied and kissing mother they trotted off for bed.

Tarrytown on Hudson, N. Y.

### Normal Living

An over-fat or unshapely man or woman is rarely seen in Japan, India or Egypt, says a recent writer. "I suppose it is over-indulgence of the white race which makes so many of them gross and out of proportion. Many women would look very ridiculous if they

## The Principles We Advocate

Human life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only when these are assured are freedom, culture and higher human development possible. To produce food, clothing and shelter, land and machinery are needed. Land by itself does not satisfy human needs. Human labor gets raw materials and tood out of the soil by creating machinery and using it upon the land. Whoever has control of land and machinery has control of human labor, and with it of human life and liberty.

Today the machinery and the land used for industrial purposes are owned by a rapidly decreasing minority. So long as machinery is simple and easily handled by one man, it does not make its owners so powerful that they can dominate the sources of life of others. But when machinery becomes more and more complex and expensive, and requires for its effective operation the organized effort of many workers, its influence reaches over wider and wider circles of life.

The owners of such machinery become the dominant class. The Masses in Subjection.

In proportion as the number of such machine owners compared to all other classes decreases, their power in the nation and in the world increases. They bring ever larger masses of working people under their control, reducing them to the point where muscle and brain are their only productive property. Millions of formerly self-employed workers thus become the helpless wage slaves of the industrial masters.

The more the economic power of the ruling class grows, the less useful does it become in the life of the nation. The overwhelming bulk of the useful work of the nation falls upon the shoulders of the classes that either have no other productive property but their manual and mental labor power—the wage workers—or that have but little land and little effective machinery outside of their labor power—the small traders and small farmers. The ruling minority is steadily becoming useless and parasitic.

A bitter struggle over the division of the products of labor is waged between the exploiting propertied classes on the one hand and the exploited, propertyless class on the other. In this struggle the wage working class cannot expect adequate relief from any reform of the present order or from the dominant class of society.

The wage workers are therefore the most determined and irreconcilable antagonists of the ruling class. They are also the class which

suffers most from the curse of class rule. The fact that a small number of capitalists is permitted to use all the country's resources and social tools for their individual profit, and to make the production of the necessities of our lives the object of their competitive private enterprises and speculations, is at the bottom of all the social evils of our time.

**Modern Industry Plantless.**

In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and combinations, the capitalists are powerless to regulate production for social ends. Industries are largely conducted in a planless manner. Through periods of feverish activity the strength and health of the workers are mercilessly undermined, and during periods of enforced idleness the workers are frequently reduced to starvation.

The climaxes of this chaotic system of production are the regularly recurring industrial depressions and crises which paralyze the nation every fifteen or twenty years.

In its mad and reckless race for profits the capitalist class is bound to exploit the workers to the very limit of their endurance and to sacrifice their physical, moral and mental welfare to its own insatiable greed. Capitalism keeps the masses of workingmen in poverty, destination, physical exhaustion and ignorance. It drags their wives from their homes to the mill and factory. It snatches their children from the playgrounds and schools and grinds their slender bodies and unformed minds into cold dollars. It wantonly disfigures, maims and kills hundreds of thousands of workingmen annually in mines, on railroads and in factories. It drives millions of workers into the ranks of the unemployed and forces large numbers of them into beggary, vagrancy and all forms of crime and vice.

**Public Intelligence Corrupted.**

To maintain their rule over their fellow men, the capitalists must keep in their pay all organs of the public powers, public mind and public conscience. They control the dominating parties and, through them, the elected public officials. They select our executives, bribe our legislators and corrupt our courts of justice. They own and censor the press. They sway our educational institutions. They own the nation politically and intellectually just as they own it industrially.

The struggle between wage workers and capitalists grows ever fiercer, and has become the only vital issue before the American people. The wage-working class, therefore, has the most vital and

direct interest in abolishing the capitalist system. But in abolishing the present system, the workingmen will free not only their own class, but also all other classes of modern society: The small farmer, who is today exploited by large capital more indirectly but not less effectively than is the wage laborer; the small manufacturer and trader, who is engaged in a desperate and losing struggle for economic independence in the face of the all-conquering power of concentrated capital; and even the capitalist himself, who is the slave of his wealth rather than its master. The struggle of the working class against the capitalist class, while it is a class struggle, is thus at the same time a struggle for the abolition of all classes and class privileges.

**Must Conquer the Political Power.**

The private ownership of the land and means of production used for exploitation, is the rock upon which class rule is built; political government is its indispensable instrument. The wage-workers cannot be freed from exploitation without conquering the political power and substituting collective and democratic administration for private ownership of the land and the means of production used for exploitation.

The basis for such transformation is rapidly developing within the very bosom of present capitalist society. The factory system, with its immense machinery and minute division of labor, is rapidly destroying all vestiges of individual production in manufacture. Modern production is already very largely a collective and social process, while the great trusts and monopolies which have sprung up in recent years have had the effect of organizing the work and management of some of our main industries on a national scale, and fitting them for national use and operation.

**An End to Class Rule.**

In the struggle for freedom the interests of the workers of all nations are identical. The struggle is not only national, but international. It embraces the world and will be carried to ultimate victory by the united workers of the world.

To unite the workers of the nation and their allies and sympathizers of all other classes to this end, is the mission of the Socialist. In this battle for freedom the Socialist movement does not strive to substitute working class rule for capitalist class rule, but by working class victory to free all humanity from class rule and to realize the international brotherhood of man.



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## Foolish Notions as to Socialism

By a Business Man-Socialist.

### Socialists Are Inconsistent

"You Socialists are certainly an inconsistent lot, for although you say you are opposed to rent, interest and profit, and denounce the whole profit system, yet I know none of you who refuse to take all you can get, and never have I heard of you returning any to the exploited laborer with whom you say you sympathize so much."

Thus spoke one who does not understand Socialism or the Socialist. It was true that I was denouncing the profit system, and showing the iniquity of it, when I was asked if I would not do exactly as others if I had the chance, and as another put it, "If your daddy left you thousands in bonds with coupons attached, I reckon you'd clip em."

Fellows who think thus of Socialism need to be reminded that Socialists are not a body of men and women separate and distinct from the laboring class with whom they sympathize, but that Socialists are laboring men and women, and that Socialism is their idea of how the game of life should be played.

Suppose there is a game of baseball in progress, or it may be a wrestling match, or a boxing match, or even something more exciting, a duel, or a fight. Now suppose you rush in, seize one or more of the participants and tell them you are not pleased with the way they are playing the game, that the rules of the game do not suit you. What do you think would happen? Do you not know that you would be hurt, hit badly, and perhaps mortally wounded? Many a man has lost his life by not playing the game according to the recognized rules, and many a man has been declared out of the game by violating these same rules.

These last mentioned facts the Socialist is wise enough to understand, and so is he wise enough not to try to break up the capitalist game, while it is in progress, and while the mass of the spectators are in favor of the present system of rules.

What the Socialist is trying to do is to interest the masses in the learning of a new game. It may be called co-operation. It is a more interesting game than competition, and has this immense advantage: All can play at it. All can become reasonably successful at it. It is not such a brutal, dangerous game. Under the rules of this game I would do just as others, and I would have the chance, but I would not have the chance to exploit my fellow man by means of rent, interest and profit; nor would my daddy have the chance to leave me thousands in bonds with coupons attached, and so under the rules of this new game, I would not have the chance to clip 'em.

The Socialist would gladly give up what little rent, interest and profit is being forced upon him by the rules of the competition game for the privilege of playing the new game unmolested, for the benefits of the new game would far exceed what he derives from the old.

When I say, "The rent, interest and profit being forced upon him," I say it advisedly. Under the game competition, saving becomes a necessity, because of the uncertainty of employment. Something must be done with this money saved in order to protect it from thieves. Now there are only three things that can be done with it. First, hide it. Second, deposit it in bank without interest. Third, invest it in houses, or lands, or in some business. In the first and second cases there is no interest to the Socialist, but in the third case the bank still exploits the laborer with interest, and nothing is gained in this transaction. The Socialist can not be consistent. In the third case unless the investment made is productive of profit the Socialist can not turn it into money when he most sorely needs the money. Again, he is forced to be inconsistent as a matter of self protection.

Of course, it goes without saying that a very small percentage of the laboring people fail to make any explanation of this charge of inconsistency. What was said was simply to show the weakness of those who make this most foolish of all charges.

were to dress as do the women of the East, who live simply and eat sparingly, which fact no doubt accounts for their universally fine shape and good appearance in scant clothing."

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The Socialists of Virginia held a very successful state convention on July 4, at Richmond; Alonzo H. Bennett of Ware Neck, being chosen as a candidate for governor.

Labor members of the British parliament, to the number of twenty-four, will pay a visit to the Socialist members of the German Reichstag immediately upon adjournment of parliament to outline a joint plan of campaign to block the war preparations of their several governments.

John Redmond, one of the leaders of the National party in the British parliament, in a public statement declares that no one need feel surprised at the rapid increase of Socialism in England, says the *Cleveland Citizen*, for "there is no part of the world where the contrasts between luxurious wealth

and miserable poverty are so marked as in England, and particularly in London." Mr. Redmond declares there is a great deal preached by Socialists that he does not endorse, but declares "there is no doubt whatever that as long as the present condition of things lasts in England, as long as wealth beyond the dreams of avarice is found side by side with abject want, there will be plenty of people in England found to embrace the doctrines of even the most extravagant of social reformers." In this connection it might be stated that a report comes to us from a reliable source that at the next general elections the Irish Nationalists in England may support the Labor party because of the consistent manner in which the Laborites have stood for home rule in Ireland.—Ex.

It is questionable if all the mechanical inventions yet made have lightened the day's toil of any human being.—John Stuart Mill.

"It is necessary to the happiness of man that he be mentally faithful to himself."

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**Store Open Evenings**

## Thoughts Upon Mr. Carsten Boe

By Robert Hunter

THE other day I came across a financial advertisement of one Carsten Boe.

He has adopted the Lawson method of broker advertising. He has written a full-page ad, two columns wide full of interesting assertion and puerile advice.

The gentleman claims that the last panic was due to the decision of Judge Landis against the Standard Oil company.

Returning prosperity, if such there be, he asserts, is due to the Standard Oil victory in the higher courts. But he declares:

"The citizens of this great nation owe to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, more than to any one man, the survival of this United States government today."

He intimates that the republic would have been destroyed and the government crushed had not Mr. Rockefeller won that legal victory.

In his opinion, all great nations were built up by oligarchies and destroyed by democracies. He intimates that republican government will not be tolerated unless it submits absolutely to the will of the oligarchs. He warns the people against high wages, and asks Mr. Taft what he intends to do to curb the labor unions.

Mr. Carsten Boe is the type of loudmouthed self-advertisers who are letting the cat out of the bag. He is doubtless a second-rate stock broker trying to make himself appear a very important person. As a matter of fact, he probably knows nothing of the real views of our masters, or of their intentions regarding the ownership and control of our nation.

His words are significant of one thing only. He reflects the mind of the clubs, of Wall street, of the broking offices, and of other gangs of parasites and scoundrels who would feel warranted in throwing the nation into a monstrous civil war and running the streets with blood to prevent the collection of a \$20,000,000 fine.

He represents the most dangerous and vicious elements in this republic. He voices their gossip, and he knows that the masters of Wall street may at anytime call out the regulars and the militias, made up of poor men, to fight other poor men and destroy democracy.

He and his like would never shoulder a gun. They would still keep in their offices, fingering the ticker and speculating upon the finances of their country torn asunder by civil war.

I never fear revolution when I go among the poor. They are as patient as the ages. They are loyal and patriotic. They ask only to serve. Only superhuman agitation will arouse them to protect even the most vital of their meagre rights.

But when I hear the gossip of the clubs, read in financial journals of the temper of Wall street, my blood runs cold.

How monstrously strange it is that the classes would bring this country to war in order to protect their graft and preserve their profits, dividends and privileges, while the masses would allow rather than utter the revolutionary threats of this poor little tout of the stock market, Mr. Carsten Boe.

Women, Come In!

The prevailing capitalist code of "womanly" behavior for women is violated by the woman who demands the ballot and who studies and talks on political and industrial questions. But, because capitalism has so organized our social and industrial institutions that women are in its poverty, its disease-infected tenements, its factories and sweat-shops, its brothels and jails, its army of unemployed, its disfranchised, ill-inherited, exploited workers, they are demanding the right to order their lives and relieve themselves and their children of such needless oppression.

Any thing that concerns the welfare of our great human family concerns its women most of all. We are half the race, we are mothers of the race.

The degree of intelligence that enables us to spin and weave, bake and sew, design and create myriad forms of use and beauty, is too great for us to continue long as inferior, contented wage-slaves. The more intelligent the slave, the more discontented is he with slavery.

Every problem that confronts her brother worker confronts woman as well; every evil of capitalism from which he suffers she suffers, and others besides.

Every class has its own ethics, and thus capitalist ethics condemn every effort of man or woman that tends to overthrow capitalism.

It is the discontented woman who is asking the suffrage, and any justice to the people is a menace to capitalist profits and dividends, therefore to be resisted by that class.

There are five million women toiling in our industries in this country, four millions more than own homes of their own. Do you wonder some of us begin to notice: This, to say nothing of the mil-

lions of patient victims who are working as housewives at what would be about fifteen separate, specialized occupations, with crude tools and methods of four generations ago, instead of having at command all the wonderful forces of steam electricity and mechanical devices to make productive and effective their labors.

These are Miller's to educate to political (collective) action. Their efforts are expended individually; they work alone in isolated kitchens, they do not come in direct contact with the wage slave. Then, too, they are affected by the many agencies capitalist employs to control their brains and keep them from acting in their own behalf, as school book trust books, editors, lecturers, and preachers, wrongly educated in privately endowed institutions of "learning," where the student's trust is betrayed and he is kept ignorant or is misinformed about the methods of capitalistic confiscation of wealth through the ownership of the tools of production.

Women are learning rapidly now that the ethical forces are conditioned in their actual sphere of operation by the economic relations. That they cannot, by individual effort, protect and rear their children well—it requires collective effort to get proper hygienic conditions, education, wholesome food, pure water, and many other things. These matters of life and death are decided at the ballot box. As soon as women learn the truth, you will not find them supporting a legal institution that forces them to sell \$2,500 labor power for \$447. We have been hunting bargains too long for that.

A few sanctions giving the ballot to women with property—sacred property—more sacred now than life. If a woman with property needs the ballot, how much more does it mean to the one with absolutely nothing but her labor power to depend upon, and how easy to

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## The Builders' Column

By Teddy

And the world moves on. So did the HERALD subscription list last week. And it really put new life into all of us to see the list make a big jump. No doubt you hustlers who worked so steadily last week will also be tickled about it, when you can feel that your work was not for naught.

We most now ask whether you will help keep the good things coming our way. If you don't, you know what will happen. If you do—well, then, you will be fast enough to bring your nerves to such working ability as will set this world in a turmoil?

That's putting it rather strong, comrades; but occasion demands it. You workers have never laid low nor taken a backward fall. The policy has been "push forward and upward." Will you stay on that path to the finish? It means a harder struggle if you once fall back, so do not hesitate just now. You have known no rest for some time. The welfare of your loved ones has been at stake, and your thoughts of them have put you on our long line. You will stay there, too, for their sake and that of the rest of the suppressed humanity.

Don't be a hossie, but keep on staying a corner. Send for samples of the HERALD and for a batch of sub. cards on credit. It isn't what you have done, or will do, but what you ARE doing just now, that will bring the results wanted. Where are the Socialist papers going to go if our own workers are not willing to help when help is needed? To smash—that's where they will go.

You will not let any such things happen, however, so long as life exists within you. To be on the safe side, comrades, don't let it come so far as will make it necessary to ask for that final spurt which will



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## The Struggle Between Capitalism and the Unions on the Great Lakes

(Continued from page 5.)

### BLACKLISTING HIM ON THE LAKES.

The English system is mild compared with this.

"This year the fight started at the opening of the navigation in March. The engineers were first involved, for they refused to sign open shop contracts. And the firemen would not work with an engineer who did sign—he could not do it and preserve his manhood and freedom.

"The fight has been a hot one and last at the middle of July we consider that it has been won, and are positive we

### HAVE THE WELFARE PLAN BEATEN.

Many of the non-union men even on the boats tell us that they will not submit to it.

"The firemen have a membership of 4,782 men, and I do not believe that 25 out of them have deserted. In fact, our union has fared better than some of the others.

"The local situation is good. The last time we counted the boats at this port there were 46 big bulk freighters tied up. There are at

### To Non-Union Seamen Aboard Ship

Wheelsmen, Watchmen, Deckhands, Marine Firemen and Cooks Are ON STRIKE

to secure decent working hours, to keep up wages and to abolish the notoriously unfair continuous discharge book system which the Lake Carriers' Association is endeavoring to force upon us.

We are asserting the right of seamen to associate with each other in a union, the right to be members of a labor organization, to stick together, so that conditions aboard ship may be made better. Shipowners deny us this right.

Do you want to see wages drop to the old level of less than \$1.00 per day for wheelmen, firemen, watchmen, oilers, etc., and less than 50¢ per day for deckhands? Such were the wages before the union was organized.

When you take the places of seamen who are on strike, YOU ARE HELPING THE WEALTHY CORPORATIONS who are trying to bring back the old miserable conditions that existed on the lakes a few years ago; you are helping the shipowners in their attempt to enforce a discharge book system that is the most merciless blacklisting scheme ever conceived. BY WHICH THE VESSEL OWNERS HOPE TO TAKE AWAY FROM SEAMEN ALL POWER OF SELF-HELP.

If workingmen do not help each other, how can decent conditions be maintained? Why do YOU not stand by the seamen in this strike?

Surely, YOU, who are workingmen like ourselves, ought to be with us in this struggle. THINK IT OVER.

### Don't Be a Strike-Breaker

There is no law to stop you from leaving the ship.

SEAMEN'S UNION.

Engineers, with a membership of 153 has only lost 14 members since the opening of navigation, and this in spite of the tremendous efforts used to get them to desert, in one case as high as \$400 a month being offered.

### ONLY A FEW DESERTERS.

On the lakes only 300 men have deserted out of a total of 2,700. The few engineers that the boats have secured from all sorts of sources have been largely incompetent men.

The Engineers have a total membership on the coasts, lakes and rivers of the United States of 11,000.

The steamers on the lakes are made up of both bulk freight and package freight craft. Quite a number of the package line boats are fair to the union and are running all night. The unfair boats are of the Soo, Erie and Northern lines, with a total of some twenty boats. Of the bulk ore and freight boats a large number are idle, although badly needed to carry ore.

The Lake Carriers' Association, which is making the fight on the union, controls some 400 boats, of which 125 are idle, and 270 running as best as they can under unfair conditions.

The Engineers' trouble began when the Lake Carriers sought to get an

### OPEN SHOP AGREEMENT

with them. The contract submitted contained this clause: "As we have decided on the policy of the open shop, you will be expected to, and by your acceptance hereof, will agree to fully co-operate in this policy, and in keeping off from the ship any representative of other interests than the ship and owner, etc. Falling in this the owners sought individual contracts in which the open shop clause was omitted.

It is claimed that the Steel Trust forced the other boat owners to embark on the union smashing campaign by threats that they

would otherwise get no ore to carry.

The engineers are fighting for their union, and opposing the British membership book system, which has been introduced, and which is described elsewhere.

### Business Agent

Huehns Says:

"The seamen are standing fine—only a few have gone astray," is the declaration of Business Agent Fred Huehns of the Lake Seamen's union. "All we ask is a fair deal

from the authorities, such as we are getting in Erie and one or two other ports. It doesn't look nice to see a city-paid police officer with his coat off working for a boat and hauling on its line, when he is supposed to keep neutral. We are trying to stay within the law, and we

### ASK A SQUARE DEAL.

"The strike is a disastrous one for

the owners. In Cleveland it is claimed that it is costing them over \$2,000 a month to feed the scabs that they are keeping on hand, and in one week 150 of them deserted. In Conneaut 167 men left during the week ending June 27. The men

down to the Atlantic coast about the strike being settled—only we spoiled the game with dodgers. They ship foreigners who are ignorant of the fact that there is a strike. We got some Poles off the Tonawanda who were of this class. They now have land work here in the city.

"The big fight has now been on for over two months. The men are sticking like glue, and many of them are supplied with work on shore. We have a membership on the lakes of 5,000 men; of these, 2,000 are sailing on fair boats."

### Some Tactics of the Owners

#### "BILKING" THE MEN.

The methods of the Lake Carriers appear low and miserable. Swindling men out of their full wages is one of the little tricks.

The Steamer Chili recently reached the port of Milwaukee and the men were paid off at the rate of \$27.50.

They had been promised \$30.

A young man on the Steamer Squires, who shipped at Manitowoc and made a trip on the lower lakes, still

#### WHISTLES FOR HIS PAY.

Although he shipped through the office of the Lake Carriers' association, we are informed. These are sample cases.

Here is another: We have

before us the affidavit of John Wyszynski, who, "first being duly sworn,

says" that on the 15th of June he

shipped through the Lake Carriers'

association as fireman on the Steamer William M. Mills, the shipping master promising him \$50 a month. He

went on the boat to Buffalo and to

Lake Erie ports and then arrived in Milwaukee June 28, at which time he

announced his determination to quit.

He says the second mate

#### THREATENED TO BRAIN HIM

and that "a trap was set for him".

Thus Hartley escaped a possible \$500 fine.

Did a workingman ever get

such consideration? This encouraged

the same again,

but this time he does not charge the dollar as a fee, only for "office ex-

penses". The law is like water on a duck's back when the authorities sym-

pathize with the lawbreaker!

## LOOK, WHAT'S HERE!!

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### Agent Bridges Speaks for Engineers

William Bridges, business agent of the Marine Engineers in Milwaukee, does not minimize the stubbornness of the struggle, but says the men are showing great staying powers and have already given the employers' boycotting game (which masquerades as the "Welfare plan") a pretty hard jolt. And that the chances of final victory are good.

The Milwaukee local of the En-